

**REQUEST 14 OCTOBER 2017 TO NEIL CHURCHILL, PARTICIPATION AND EXPERIENCE DIRECTOR, NHS ENGLAND:**

Good morning Neil,

**Evaluation of NHS England's Whistleblower Employment Support Scheme**

I asked Daz Greenop and Liverpool John Moore's University for more technical detail of the evaluation.

Below is my correspondence with Daz.

Attached are:

- 1) A draft list of interview questions from Daz
- 2) An FOI response received yesterday from the university refusing to give any more detail on grounds that it will prejudice the conduct of the evaluation.

I'm a bit taken aback by the university's defensiveness given NHS England's promise that the evaluation would not be imposed on whistleblowers but co-designed.

This evaluation has important implications not just for the few whistleblowers taking part in NHS England's current pilot, but for all whistleblowers who may consider applying in future to either NHS England's and NHS Improvement's schemes.

I do think there should be more transparency.

Can NHS England as the purchaser of this research authorise the release of the information that I have requested, and or specific clarification of whether the university does or does not hold individual items of information that I have requested?

If the university does not hold some of the requested data but NHS England does, can NHS England share it with whistleblowers.

To recap, I asked for:

**"1) details of the KPIs referred to in the NHS England document entitled 'High Level Plan'**

**2) all the tools that your study will be applying, including any questionnaires that will be used**

**3) a copy of the application for ethical approval**

**4) the consent documentation for participants**

**5) the instrument(s) that will be used to determine value for money?"**

Many thanks and best wishes,

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